



FIRST BAPTIST
CHURCH OF ANN ARBOR

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

6th Sunday of Easter
May 10, 2026

ORDER OF WORSHIP

GREETING

Robbie Stapleton

RESPONSIVE CALL TO WORSHIP

Emma Francia

One: Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth!

Many: Sing the glories of God's name.

One: All the earth bows down to the Lord.

Many: We sing the praises of God's name;

One: Come and see what God has done;

Many: the awesome deeds God does for us.

PRELUDE

Pastorale, Op.19 (Excerpt)

César Franck
(1822-1890, French)

*OPENING PRAYER

Emma Francia

*HYMN (see insert)

The Day of Resurrection

LANCASHIRE

(The receiving of Prayer Concern cards)

*THE PSALM

from Psalm 66

Emma Francia

One: Come and listen, all who fear the Lord;

Many: **We will tell what God has done for us.**

One: We cried aloud to God;

Many: **We praised the Lord with our voices.**

One: If we had cherished evil in our hearts,

Many: **The Lord would not have listened.**

One: But truly God has listened;

Many: **Listened to the words of our prayers.**

One: Blessed be the Lord, who receives our prayers

Many: **whose steadfast love is always with us.**

*GLORIA (Hymn 72, sung twice)

Gloria, Gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, Gloria! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*EPISTLE READING

1 Peter 3:13-22

Emma Francia

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

CONGREGATIONAL SONG (see insert) Alelu, alelu, alelu, aleluya, Gloria a Dios!

TIME AS CHILDREN

Robbie Stapleton

(Following Time as Children, kids (through 5th grade) will leave for Church School.)

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Bill Foster

The Lord's Prayer ("debts" – hymnal page 896)

***GOSPEL READING**

John 14:15-21

Beth Foster

One: The Word of God for the People of God

All: Thanks be to God!

ANTHEM

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing arr. by Victor C. Johnson

Come, thou Fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it, mount of Thy redeeming love.

Here I raise mine Ebenezer, hither by Thy help I've come;
And I hope, by Thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

Oh, to grace a how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy grace, Lord, like a fetter bind my wandering heart to Thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts above. Amen.

SERMON

Legacy of Love

Beth Foster

SILENT REFLECTION**INVITATION TO GIVING**

Beth Foster

OFFERING OF GIFTS

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

Glenn L. Rudolph

Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills the breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.
No voice can sing, no heart can frame, nor can the memory find
a sweeter sound than thy blest Name, O Savior of mankind.
Jesus, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be;
to thee be all our glory now, and through eternity. Amen.

We're glad you're here! Please take a moment to fill out the Connection Card in your bulletin and place it in an offering plate when it comes by later in the service. You can indicate any prayer requests you have and let us know if you'd like a name tag and/or our bi-weekly communication about the life of the church.

You may place your offering in one of the plates when they are passed. Or make your offering online using this QR code or via PayPal (@fbca2) and place a Connection Card indicating so in the offering plate.



Join us downstairs after worship. We'd love to connect!

We welcome Rev. Beth Foster (she/her) to the pulpit this morning. Beth Foster is a retired American Baptist minister and chaplain. Most of her career was spent in long-term care and hospice chaplaincy. She and her husband, Bill, have been members of FBCA2 for 23 years. She enjoys spending time with grandchildren, reading, and exercising. She's a native of North Carolina. Next Sunday, we welcome Cat and Lex DaSilva for Youth Ministry Sunday.

Children's Ministry. All children are welcome in worship; Worshipful Play Bags are available as you enter the sanctuary. Nursery care is available for children (infant - 3 years). Children through 5th grade leave for Children's Ministry following Time as Children. Children's Choir (PreK-5th grade) meets from 11:30-noon. You may pick up your children at 11:30 from their Church School classrooms, at 12:00 from the choir room, or at 12:30 when our formation hour ends.

The Youth Group for students in grades 6-12. Join us in the Youth Room (in the library wing below the sanctuary) from 11:30-12:30 for snacks, games, and meaningful discussion. We are focusing on the subjects of hospitality, emotions, relationships, and justice in the Bible and our Christian faith. We also have some fun afternoon/evening weekend activities! For more information, please contact Jillian Mast (jillian@fbca2.org).

Adult Formation today and May 17. Elizabeth Oldfield's book *Fully Alive: Tending to the Soul in Turbulent Times* is, as the title implies, a gentle meditation on rectitude and flourishing in a world that tries to knock us off balance. Using the framework of the Seven Deadly Sins, recontextualized for the 21st century, Oldfield offers a playful yet substantive guide for turning toward what matters. Join Phil Christman and Sorbie Richner for a discussion of this book.

Sunday Young-ish Adult Gathering. If you consider yourself to be a young-ish adult (roughly 20s - 40s), there's a small group gathering for you in the Campus Center living room on the first and third (and sometimes fifth) Sundays of the month after Fellowship time (11:30a). We'll plan to attend congregational meetings. Come share about your week and what's happening in your life, discuss current events, or just relax and listen.

On the first Sunday of the month, we plan to share a meal together. Questions? Contact Meg Suell (meghansuell@gmail.com), Valerie Francia (valerie1francia@gmail.com), or LJ Brazier (lbrazier@umich.edu).



Online Photo Directory. As a way to welcome Pastor Laura Harris-Adam, and to allow us all to put faces with names and feel more at home in our congregation, we are encouraging everyone to update our online photo directory! We use Servant Keeper for our online directory, as we use this software already for our giving statements. Scan this QR code to register/login to your account to update your information and add a photo to your profile. This portal is open to anyone who is connected to FBCA2 in a meaningful way and is not restricted to formal members of the congregation. If you're in our Google Sheets directory, you're welcome to be in this one too! Reach out to Christina Alaniz (cnalaniz@umich.edu) if you need any help!

Scholarships available! New this year, we will be accepting scholarship requests for church camps, higher education, and continuing education through a singular Google form. The Scholarship Committee (Marissa Alaniz, Robbie Stapleton, and Toni Burton) will review requests and recommend allocations from three available funds (Johnson, Fullerton-Loucks, and Chadsey Kievet) on behalf of the Board of Christian Education. Note: For church camp requests, parents may fill out this form on behalf of children; please fill out and submit one form per child. **The 2026 scholarship application deadline is Friday, May 15th.** Questions or to get the link to the form? Contact Marissa Alaniz at malaniz@umich.edu.

Wednesday Bible Study meets at 1:00p. The group will read and discuss the Bible passages for the upcoming Sunday. Please join us.

American Baptist Women's Ministries of Michigan Retreat. Please think about attending our annual conference June 5-7, 2026 at St. Francis Retreat Center in DeWitt Michigan! A wonderful place to rest and rejuvenate your spiritual health. For more information, see Carolyn Grapentine (csgrape@aol.com) for details!

Please note that Xan Morgan, our Director of Community Life, will be away from the office from May 5 through May 12. For any urgent matters during this time, please connect with Kat Becker, our Office Administrator (office@fbca2.org); the Fosters, our Associates for Pastoral Care (williamfoster102@comcast.net); or Christina Alaniz, our Associate for Communications (cnalaniz@umich.edu).

Land Acknowledgement. We acknowledge that we are gathered on the ancestral homeland of the Anishinaabe people of the Three Fires Confederacy - the Ojibwe, Ottawa & Potawatomi - and the Wyandot, and that this unceded land is still sacred to them.



Seek, serve, and grow with us! More information about these opportunities at fbca2.org/connect or use the QR code to the right.

Calendar

May 13	Bible Study @1:00p
May 14	Choir Rehearsal @7:00p
May 17	Youth Ministry Sunday
May 25	Memorial Day – Office & Building closed

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